

PITT RIVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

August 25th 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Start Up for the 2014-2015 School Year at Pitt River!

Hopefully you have had an enjoyable and memorable summer vacation and are ready for another school year! Although at this point there has not been a resolution to the teacher's strike, I know that our teachers are hopeful for a settlement and that our start-up will not be affected. If there is not an agreement prior to the regularly scheduled start date, we will adapt the schedule below and re-send the information to you.

First Day (Tuesday, September 2nd):
Grade 7s and 8s are in attendance from 9:00-9:30 AM.
Grade 6s are in attendance from 10-11:30 AM.

- Grade 6s report to the main gym for attendance.
- Grade 7s report to the main gym for attendance.
- Grade 8s report to the main gym for attendance.
- * 'Rendezvous' Lists will be posted around the school. Students should check these lists so they know which classroom to report to the following morning.
- *Students don't need to bring their school supplies until Monday, September 8th, as lockers aren't assigned until later in the week. School supply lists are posted at: http://www.sd43.bc.ca/middle/pittriver/Parents/SchoolSupplies/Pages/default.aspx

<u>Wednesday September 3rd</u>: Students spend the day with their *Rendezvous* classes. During this time they get to know each other and participate in a variety of activities related to our *CARES* approach to learning. *CARES* is an acronym used to easily identify the five behavioural aspects associated with a successful learning community:

Connections Acceptance Respect Empathy Safety

Thursday September 4th

Core classes are assigned in RV and students report to their core teachers at 9:05 AM.

Friday September 5th

Pancake Breakfast: Students are invited to come to school between 8:00-8:30 AM and enjoy a pancake breakfast before heading off to regular classes.

In the afternoon Dave Jonsson will speak to our staff and students in an assembly. Dave is a local skateboard enthusiast and inspirational speaker. His story outlines his experience as a plane crash survivor and provides some powerful insights that he gained through this tragic event.

**During the first week, students will bring home a package which includes various forms (fee statement, student verification form, etc.).

eForms:

After school starts please go on-line and complete the eForms (School Policies, Emergency Release, Medical Alert, Volunteer & Driver Forms, and Privately Owned Devices).

*The **Emergency Release** and the **Medical Alert** forms will remain online fillable forms BUT parents will need to print and drop off forms at their child's school

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See you in September!

Steve Roos Principal Pam Becker Vice-Principal